

## **Shrewsbury Historical Commission Town Report 2005**

The Shrewsbury Historical Commission was established by a majority vote at the annual May 2005 Town Meeting. Shrewsbury, up to this time, was one of five towns/cities in the Commonwealth that did not have a local historic commission.

The Shrewsbury Historical Commission's first meeting was in October of 2005. The seven members of the Shrewsbury Historical Commission were selected and appointed by the Town Manager and approved by the Town's Selectman.

The Shrewsbury Historical Commission meetings are posted 48 hours in advance. Historical Commission meets on the fourth Thursday of each month. The Commission does not meet during July and August. Meetings begin at 7 p.m. at the Shrewsbury Town Hall and are open to the public.

The Historical District Commission is governed by and executes its responsibility under Chapter 40C, Section 8D of the General Laws of Massachusetts, the bylaws of the Town of Shrewsbury, and follows the guidelines of the U. S. Department of Interior and the Massachusetts Historical Commission.

The charge of the Historical Commission is summarized in the Mission Statement.

### **Shrewsbury Historical Commission Mission Statement**

The Shrewsbury Historical Commission is responsible for performing historical research, identifying historical assets, and suggesting both preservation tools and coordination among officials at the local level. Within the community, the Commission aims both to strengthen our community's technical expertise and effectiveness in historical preservation, and to heighten public awareness, understanding, and appreciation of the town's historic resources and their preservation. By these measures, the Commission aims to foster a community that will provide even better stewardship of our town's proud legacy.

### **The Shrewsbury Historical Commission Objectives**

- To identify record & inventory Shrewsbury's historical assets
- To create a Web site for the Shrewsbury Historical Commission
- To develop a comprehensive technical historic preservation manual for historical properties owners in the Town of Shrewsbury
- To raise the general public awareness of town's historical assets for broadened public information, awareness and support through positive public relations
- To collaborate with other groups and organizations sharing similar interests and goals
- To develop the H. C. as an information portal for rehabilitation funding and grants as well as a networking resource with state and national organizations and parties sharing similar interests.
- To develop the H. C. as an advisory resource for the Town and property owners in the Town of Shrewsbury
- To become the communication conduit between the Town and The Massachusetts Historical Commission.

| <b><u>Shrewsbury Historical Commission Members</u></b> | <b><u>Appointed Term</u></b> |
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| Kevin Samara, Chairman                                 | 2005-2008                    |
| Gail Aslanian  | 2005-2007                    |
| Traci Daniels  | 2005-2008                    |
| Christopher Kirk                                       | 2005-2007                    |
| Loretta Morelle  | 2005-2006                    |
| Rex Renzoni  | 2005-2008                    |

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